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**“LIVING  
AMONGST  
EVIL”**

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**Matthew 13:24-30**





**“THE PARABLE  
OF THE WEEDS”**





**WHEAT**



**DARNEL**



# **THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS**

- 1. There will always be evil among us on this side of paradise.**
- 2. It calls us to be careful how we judge whether or not people are Christ followers.**
- 3. It also calls into question when we take action once we judge.**

# THREE QUESTIONS...

- 1. How does the enemy, the evil one, sow weeds among the good crops? or Take it away?**
- 2. How do we determine what is right and wrong?**
- 3. How do we combat this evil?**



# THE INFILTRATION

**How does the the enemy, the  
evil one, sow weeds among  
the good crops?  
or try to steal it away?**

# THE INFILTRATION

**CREATES DOUBT**

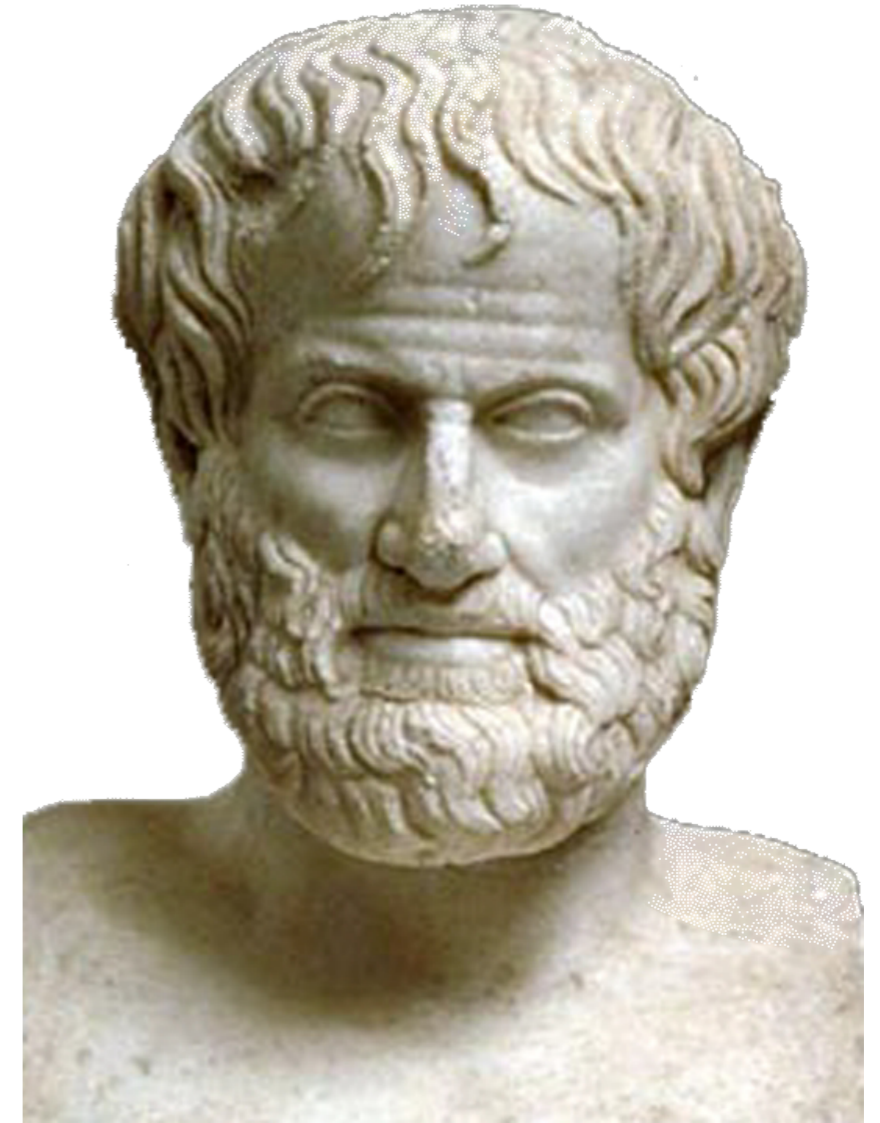
**TEMPTATIONS**

**TWISTS THE TRUTH**





# **ARISTOTLE - THREE REASONS FOR KNOWLEDGE**





**TECHNIQUE**

**MORALITY**

**TRUTH**



**TECHNIQUE**

**MORALITY**

**TRUTH**





**TECHNIQUE**



**MORALITY**



**TRUTH**



# RIGHT FROM WRONG

**How do we determine what is  
right from wrong?**



# **RIGHT FROM WRONG**

- 1. “Watch out” - Matt. 7:15**
- 2. “By the fruit” - Matt 7:6-17**
- 3. “Gut Check” - John 16:13**
- 4. “Discerning Heart” - Phil. 1:9-11**
- 5. “Pray Hard” - Eph. 6:18**



# COMBAT EVIL

**How do we combat this evil?**



# COMBAT EVIL

- 1. “Know the Word” - Psalm 119:105**
- 2. “Be Diligent” - 1 Timothy 4:15**
- 3. “Do not Conform” - Romans 12:2**
- 4. “I’ve got people” - Prov. 11:14**
- 5. “Stay awake” - 1 Thes. 5:4-8**



# THE ARMOR OF GOD

Helmet of Salvation

Belt of [absolute] Truth

Sword of the Spirit

Feet Protected by  
the Gospel

Breastplate of  
Righteousness

Shield of  
Faith

**Ephesians 6:10-17**







**SHINE LIKE...**

**SHINE LIKE THE SUN AND  
THE STARS!**

**“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky *as you hold firmly to the word of life.* And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.”**

**Philippians 2:14-17**